SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5291**

		4					5	
	9						1	
	3	8		5	1	6		
	1			8	7			6
							4	9
6					3	1	7	
7	2		6		9			5
			4		2	7		
3							2	

TRICKY **B5291**

		3	5			4	8	2
	5					1		
9				8				
		6	8					
			7	4				1
8	9							3
	6			5				
		5		1				
3	1			2				9

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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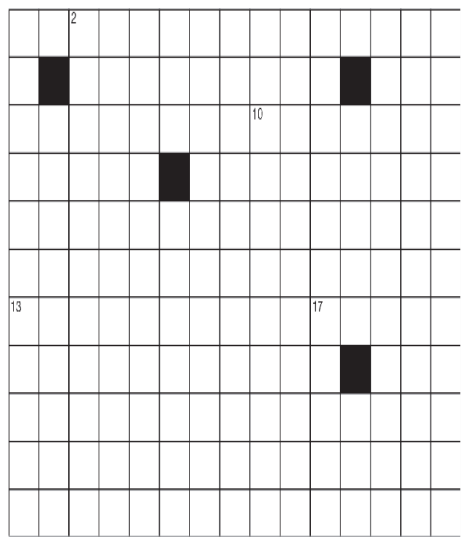
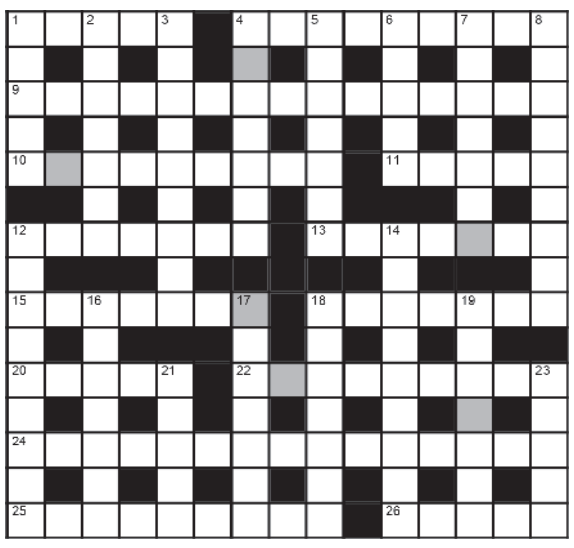
THE SKELETON CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Year led by head girl
4 Low point before promotion
6 Tactless king now a fool
9 Filling starter to glut a pain
10 True soldiers, as before
11 Bear mascot shaken hard
12 Criticised aliens set back in a way
13 Reason three inside miss a gem
16 Cosseted children face occasional glower
20 Genial sort holds many up
21 Opposite part of a stanza?
22 Notes not all about passing marks
23 Lot and wife leaving town
24 Council land east of Shrewsbury

DOWN
1 Quiet times for attendants
2 Language student happening to pass
3 Plant sounded gross at first
4 Get it to boil over a flame
5 Amusement of con artist running from a cop
6 Negative elements of pagan dance
7 Tip to assist male representative
8 Horse steered without hesitation
13 Animated figure putting Lego set on top of Meccano
14 Actual leader of modern kingdom
15 Fracas ending with bites and cuts
17 Singers of note spoke up about playing
18 An emperor line upset an actress
19 Fear initially debilitating, say

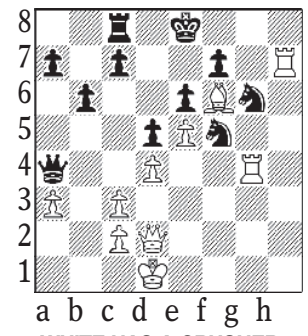
THE SQUIRE'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Woo (5)
4 Looted (9)
9 Vehicle flow rate (6,2,7)
10 Assessing (9)
11 Vestige (5)
12 Send out (7)
13 Lodgers (7)
15 Praise (7)
18 Scowled, frowned (7)
20 Loft, garret (5)
22 Listless (9)
24 Pregnancy symptom (7,8)
25 Take apart (9)
26 Appetising (5)

DOWN
1 Coat (5)
2 Lonely (7)
3 Clement (9)
4 Potential (7)
5 On edge (7)
6 Conscript (5)
7 Forbear (7)
8 Lessened (9)
12 Taken back (9)
14 Suffolk town (9)
16 Ripens (7)
17 Great joy (7)
18 Crisscross framework (7)
19 Backslide (7)
21 Porcelain (5)
23 Pleasant and easy (5)

CHESS



WHITE HAS A CRUSHER
HINT: Make way for the queen.

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
CHOCOLATE

(CHOCOLATE: CHAWK-lit: Roasted, ground cacao seeds with flavoring added.)

AVERAGE MARK 61 WORDS

Time limit 62 minute

Can you find 66 or more words in CHOCOLATE?

RULES OF THE GAME:
1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.
The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

YESTERDAY'S WORD — GREEDILY

geld	grey	edge	eyelid	ledge
gelid	greyed	edger	deer	ledger
gild	grid	edgier	deli	leer
gilder	gyre	edgily	diel	leery
gird	reed	edgy	dire	lied
girdle	reedy	eerily	dirge	liege
girl	reel	eery	dreg	liger
glee	relied	eider	drily	lyre
glide	rely	elder	dyer	yield
glider	ride	elegy	idle	
greed	ridge	elide	idler	
greedy	rile	eyed	idly	

TELEWORD

By David Ouellet

C	C	S	P	O	R	T	S	Y	E	L	D	O	O	D
E	A	H	W	O	R	K	O	U	T	C	O	O	K	K
E	T	R	A	I	V	G	C	H	F	G	N	I	S	O
N	R	A	P	L	A	O	S	M	R	N	I	A	G	O
T	E	S	R	E	L	T	L	V	I	D	E	O	D	B
E	T	A	V	O	N	E	R	U	E	W	L	P	L	O
R	T	Y	R	A	C	T	N	B	N	F	S	O	B	B
T	U	I	L	N	S	E	R	G	D	T	G	T	I	S
A	L	P	R	I	A	S	D	Y	E	A	E	T	K	S
I	C	A	G	A	M	E	S	T	S	S	E	E	E	O
N	E	R	P	U	E	A	E	P	P	L	T	R	R	C
L	D	T	E	A	N	T	F	L	S	C	I	Y	R	I
C	I	S	U	M	I	I	A	U	H	K	R	A	P	A
G	U	E	S	T	C	N	T	C	E	L	F	E	R	L
M	E	D	I	A	S	K	T	S	S	T	A	O	B	T

HOW TO PLAY:

All the words above appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and circle their letters. The leftover letters spell the Teleword.

COMBATING BOREDOM **SOLUTION: 7 LETTERS**

Arts, Bike, Blog, Boats, Book, Carpentry, Challenges, Cinemas, Color, Cook, Craft, Dance, Declutter, Decorate, Doodle, Entertain, Family, Friend, Gain, Games, Golf, Guest, Knit, Learn, Media, Museums, Music, Paint, Park, Plans, Plants, Pottery, Read, Reflect, Renovate, Sculpt, Sing, Sketch, Social, Sports, Swim, Trails, Trips, Video, Volunteer, Workout, Yoga **Answer: Hobbies**

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
PTCL Complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111- 001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

METRO EVENTS

BOOK LAUNCH

Tremit Katha, a book by Dr Sadia Kamal, is launched at the Karachi Press Club at 1pm.

PLAY

Baggage, written by Fateh Azam anddirected and performed by Abdul Rehman, is staged at the National Academy of Performing Arts, at 8pm.

WORKSHOP

Wheel Pottery & Relief Art Workshop, is organised at Atelier School of Art & Design, DHA Phase 5, at 5pm.

EYE CAMP

A free eye camp is organised by Al-Khidmat near Cantonment Park, Drigh Road, at 2pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** This is an exciting day! It's the best day of the year so far and an excellent day for fun outings, movies, the arts, sports events, playful times with children and, of course, romance, romance, romance. Tonight: Socialize! This Week: You're ambitious about work.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

*** Today you have a strong desire to travel and do something different! However, you'll also enjoy hanging out at home today, focusing on your private life and giving attention to home and family. Tonight: Relax. This Week: Travel, publishing and school are favored.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

**** You're keen to talk to others today. Admittedly, conversations might be a bit zealous, but that is the tenor of the day. This is an exciting, upbeat day full of spontaneous decisions and activities. Romance is in the air! Tonight: Conversations. This Week: Pull your act together.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** Today you're more focused on money and possessions. You might want to buy something. You might want to return something. It's easy to identify with something that you own today. Tonight: Check your assets. This Week: Partnerships are your focus.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight edge over the other signs. Why not test this by asking the universe for a favor? This is an exciting day full of surprises. Nevertheless, you want to get organized. Tonight: You win! This Week: Party and work!

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

*** This might be the best day of the year so far, which is why you might get invitations to schmooze and enjoy fun times. Ironically, you might prefer to be alone and hide behind the scenes. You can cocoon at home or go out and fly your colors! Tonight: Privacy. This Week: Festive activities are still appealing!

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Friendships are important to you today. You might entertain at home because you have a strong emphasis on home and family right now. Nevertheless, discussions with a friend or a group might make you think more about what you want to achieve this year. Tonight: Friendships. This Week: Get organized at home.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** You're high-viz today, people notice you more than usual. Do be aware that some people will know personal details about your private life. The pace is fast and you're eager to have fun times. Get out and schmooze! Tonight: You're admired. This Week: Busy, fast-paced and chatty!

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** You are the traveler of the zodiac, and today you crave a change of scenery. Be a tourist in your own neighborhood, if nothing else. Do something different. Shake things up a little. This can be an exciting day! Tonight: Explore! This Week: Money is on your mind.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** You hold all the cards now because four planets are in your sign. Enjoy talking to others, because you will exude enthusiasm and energy. Discussions about shared property or loans might arise today. Tonight: Check your finances. This Week: You're ready to work.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** Because the Moon today is opposite your sign, you will have to go along with others. You might even have to go more than halfway when dealing with someone. Ideally, you will prefer a quiet but pleasant day today. Tonight: Cooperate. This Week: Don't push yourself. Relax.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** Today is the best day of the new year so far! Spontaneous moments that offer you a chance to enjoy the company of a friend or members of groups will delight you. Make time for enjoyment, but also take time to get organized as well. Tonight: Work. This Week: You're popular!

THE METRO FUNNIES

BC
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART
DAD, DID IT SNOW LAST NIGHT?
YOU NEED MORE SCHOOLIN', JON.
LOST MY SENSE OF DIRECTION A COUPLE DAYS BACK THERE.
DONE WITH WINTER ALREADY..
Archie
I'LL NEVER GET THIS BOX OPENED WITH MY PAWS!
AND YET USING ONE'S TEETH IS SO GAUCHE!
MMM! I COULD GO FOR SOME DOGGY TREATS RIGHT ABOUT NOW!
BARK!
BARK! BARK!
BARK! BARK! BARK!
SAY...WHAT PART OF "BARK" DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker
MORNING, WIZ
SUP, G?
UGH, I FEEL THIS PLACE WAS BUILT ON AN INDIGENOUS BURIAL GROUND
EVERYTHING IS ON AN ANCIENT INDIGENOUS BURIAL GROUND...
WHICH WAS BUILT ON AN EVEN OLDER BRONZE AGE BURIAL GROUND
AND BEFORE THAT, A HOMO ERECTUS BURIAL GROUND...
BUILT ON TOP OF A NEANDERTHAL BURIAL GROUND
AND WHAT WAS THAT BUILT ON?
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT...

PENTALETTA

Can you find 25 or more words containing only the five letters shown on the left? Each word must include the letter in the centre, in this case F, and must contain at least four letters, but there is no limit on the number of times you can use a letter in any word. Your list should include an accepting eight-letter word.

(Solution: next Sunday)

Average mark: 17 words • **Good:** 22 words
Excellent: 26 words • **Incredible:** 29 words

LAST SUNDAY'S SOLUTION:

acre, afar, area, arrear, caracara, carafe, care, career, carer, carfare, carr, cere, effacer, facer, farce, fare, fear, free, freer, race, racer, rare, rarer, rear, recce, reef, reefer, reface, refer, referee, referrer.

The clued word was: CAREFREE

LAST SUNDAY SQUIRE'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Table, 4 Class acts, 9 Misapprehension, 10 Third-rate, 11 Clear, 12 Right-on, 13 Exclaim, 15 Nomadic, 18 Profess, 20 Banal, 22 Mangetout, 24 Uncommunicative, 25 Spectator, 26 Lunge.

Down: 1 Tempt, 2 Besting, 3 Expedited, 4 Curtain, 5 Achieve, 6 Sonic, 7 Chimera, 8 Syndromes, 12 Runabouts, 14 Close call, 16 Manacle, 17 Combust, 18 Pannier, 19 Emotion, 21 Limit, 23 Theme.

Prize word: Hexagon

LAST SUNDAY SKELETON SOLUTIONS

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Spectacular but reasonable

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ 8 5 2

WEST
♠ Q J 8 4
♥ 2
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q 7 4

EAST
♠ 10 6
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ 9 8 4
♣ 10 9 6 3

SOUTH
♠ K 9 2
♥ K Q J 9 8 3
♦ A K
♣ A J

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Dble	Pass	2 ♣	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥		

Opening lead -- diamond queen.

Card-reading -- that is, visualizing the opposing hands -- is perhaps the single most important faculty required of a declarer. This is as it should be, because once the location of the unseen 26 cards is known, it should not be difficult to achieve the best result possible.

Take this case where South gets to four hearts on the bidding shown, and West leads a diamond. Declarer wins with the ace and plays the king of hearts, which East takes with the ace. East returns a diamond to the king, and South must now watch his step or he will go down.

His proper play is to cross to dummy with a spade, lead a heart and finesse the nine! If he does, he makes the contract; if he doesn't, he fails.

It is granted that the second-round heart finesse has all the earmarks of being based on a peek at the East-West hands. A more normal play would be to cash the queen of hearts on the assumption that the trumps are divided 3-2. But in this hand, all signs point to a 4-1 trump division, and the finesse is therefore the indicated play. Let's see why.

West passed originally and then, at unfavorable vulnerability, doubled one heart. At trick two, East showed up with the ace of hearts, leaving West with at most 11 high-card points for his double. West could scarcely double at this vulnerability with 11 aceless points unless he had either a singleton or a void in hearts, and on this basis, declarer should assume that a trump finesse against the ten is very likely to succeed.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:50pm	05:15pm	05:56pm	05:14pm	05:20pm	05:50pm
Sunrise	07:12am	07:10am	07:16am	07:01am	07:17am	07:25am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	7	17	Sunny	82	7	17	Partly Cloudy		5	16	Sunny
Hyderabad	10	25	Sunny	55	10	24	Sunny		9	23	Sunny
Islamabad	7	17	Partly Cloudy	63	6	17	Mostly Sunny		6	17	Sunny
Lahore	7	16	Cloudy	79	7	16	Mostly Sunny		6	16	Sunny
Multan	9	18	Sunny	82	7	18	Cloudy		6	17	Cloudy
Peshawar	6	18	Mostly Cloudy	69	5	18	Sunny		4	18	Sunny
Quetta	0	12	Mostly Sunny	48	-3	10	Mostly Sunny		-3	9	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

TODAY'S SOLUTIONS

CHESS

1. Rxg6! fxg6 2. Qg5! (threatens Qxg6ch, etc.) [Anand-Skomorokhin '14].

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

Quick — A5290

2	8	7	3	6	5	1	9	4
5	3	6	4	9	1	8	2	7
4	1	9	2	8	7	6	5	3
7	4	5	6	3	8	9	1	2
9	2	3	1	5	4	7	6	8
1	6	8	9	7	2	3	4	5
6	5	4	8	1	3	2	7	9
3	7	1	5	2	9	4	8	6
8	9	2	7	4	6	5	3	1

Tricky — B5290

6	7	8	3	5	2	9	1	4
5	2	4	1	8	9	6	7	3
3	9	1	4	7	6	2	8	5
9	4	7	8	2	3	5	6	1
2	5	3	7	6	1	8	4	9
8	1	6	9	4	5	3	2	7
1	8	9	2	3	4	7	5	6
7	3	5	6	1	8	4	9	2
4	6	2	5	9	7	1	3	8